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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to Section 1.97 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and prior to the issuance of a first office action, record is hereby made of published prior art the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled

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<u>U.S. Patent</u>	<u>Date of Issuance</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
4,437,005 B1	March 13, 1984	Ophoff et al
4,914,720 B1	April 3, 1990	Knodle et al
5,070,244 B1	December 3, 1991	Simpson
5,334,536 B1	August 2, 1994	Nonnenmacher
5,464,983 B1	November 7, 1995	Wang
5,608,219 B1	March 4, 1997	Aucremanne
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5,874,737 B1	February 23, 1999	Bytyn et al

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Germany DE 197 35 716 A1	February 4, 1999
European EP 0 503 511 A2	September 16, 1992
European EP 0 512 535 A2	November 11, 1992
European EP 0 794 423 A1	September 10, 1997

Other Prior Art

None.

Copies of the above-cited foreign and U.S. patent documents are enclosed, along with IDS Form PTO/SB/08A. The following patent documents were cited in the International Search Report (copy attached as Exhibit A) completed by the European Patent Office on June 30, 2000, and the International Preliminary Examination Report (copy attached as Exhibit B), both reports of which issued in the corresponding International Application No. PCT/DE00/00746, priority of which is claimed:

US 4,914,720	EP 0 503 511
US 5,608,219	EP 0 512 535
US 5,734,165	DE 30 43 332

The following patent documents were all cited in the earliest claimed priority of the subject application, i.e.,
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US 5,608,219	DE 30 43 332	DE 44 33 336
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English text equivalents of the enclosed foreign patent documents are as follows:

US 5,334,536 corresponds to DE 41 19 346;
US 4,437,005 corresponds to DE 30 43 332;
US 5,464,983 corresponds to DE 44 33 336; and
US 5,874,737 corresponds to EP 0 794 423.

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English text Abstracts are attached to German patent documents DE 41 11 187, DE 44 37 311 and DE 197 35 716, as full English translations of these German documents are not readily available at this time to the person making this disclosure.

The following documents are discussed in more detail in the subject specification on the following pages:

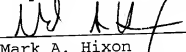
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It is requested that these references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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